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KC Council in talks to keep Edgemoor deal

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The Kansas City Council, which last Thursday came close to dropping Edgemoor as its developer of a new single terminal at KCI, signaled Monday it was not ready to jump on board with a new partnership between AECOM and Burns & McDonnell.

“Any talk at this time about

moving on from the (memorandum of understanding) with Edgemoor is premature,” Kansas City Councilman Jermaine Reed said in an email.

“There’s no need for anyone —whether it be Burns & McDonnell or AECOM — to mount a public campaign for the project until our negotiations with Edgemoor are completely resolved.”

Scott Wagner, mayor pro tem who has criticized the city’s

proposed deal with Edgemoor, said there were still talks to be had.

“From my standpoint, we still have a group (Edgemoor) that we have not ended our discussion with,” Wagner said. “You’ve got to play out the discussion with No. 1.”

On Monday morning, The Star first reported that AECOM had worked out a deal with

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Mike Handelman, senior vice president at AECOM discussed the company’s new alliance with Burns & McDonnell on Monday.

AMTRAK TRAIN DERAILS, KILLING 3, INJURING DOZENS



ELAINE THOMPSON AP

Lights illuminate cars from an Amtrak train that derailed above Interstate 5 on Monday in DuPont, Wash. The Amtrak train, making the first-ever run along a faster new route, hurtled off the overpass near Tacoma and spilled some of its cars onto the highway below, killing at least three people and injuring dozens, authorities said.

MORE INSIDE At least 50 people are hospitalized, more than a dozen with critical or serious injuries, authorities said. 3A

Medicaid delays are forcing Kansas nursing homes to turn people away

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Administrators at Villa St. Francis nursing home in Olathe ask several questions before taking in someone with a pending Medicaid application.

How many Medicaid-pending residents are we already subsidizing? Is this person likely to survive the months it will probably take for the state of Kansas to approve the application? Is there a loved one who

will follow through on this application if the person dies?

Villa St. Francis CEO Rodney Whittington said he’d rather not ask them. But after years of payments that didn’t come for months, he and other nursing home administrators have to think hard about whether they can afford more Medicaid-pending residents.

“We are one of the few, if not the only, facility in the KC area taking them still,” Whittington said. “With the support of the church, it is our mission to

meet those folks’ need as best we can, but we’ve also got to have an involved family and someone who’s going to answer questions and get us documents.”

Kansas has had a backlog of Medicaid applications since late 2015. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has whittled it down but never eliminated it. Last month the state reported about 2,000 applications pending past the 45-day federal limit, down from a high of almost 11,000.

Kansas Medicaid is called “KanCare,” and is the main nursing home payment source for people who have exhausted their resources.

For the last two years, homes have had to wait months or even longer for those payments. Some have had to ask local governments to help keep the doors open or ask utility companies for more time before they shut off the gas. Now fewer are willing to take in Medicaid-pending residents, especially if the patients are not likely to survive the application period.

Morgan Bell, a social worker at Stormont Vail Hospital in

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Security plan aims at China, Russia

BY DAVID E. SANGER AND
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New York Times

WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump’s first national security strategy envisions a world in which the United States confronts two “revisionist” powers – China and Russia – that are seeking to change the global status quo, often to the detriment of America’s interests.

But while the document outlines a detailed plan to push back against China’s global economic ambitions, it says little about dealing with the kind of cyber and information warfare techniques that Moscow used to try to influence the 2016 presidential election.

The strategy, which Trump presented in a speech Monday afternoon, is the first comprehensive effort by his administration to describe an all-encompassing strategic worldview. Administration officials said it

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KC JAZZ SINGER MAHOGANY DIES

Jazz singer and Kansas City native Kevin Mahogany dies at the age of 59. A cause of death was not reported. 6A

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DISCLOSURE RAISES QUESTIONS

Gov. Eric Greitens’ top 2016 campaign adviser reveals ties to a nonprofit that funneled \$4 million to attack GOP rivals last year. 4A

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